

Person Preparing Minute:

Corey Christians

Name of Board, Commission or Committee:

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Location:

Town Hall

Meeting Date:

October 13, 2014

Time Meeting Started:

7:00pm

Members Present:

1. Dan Montano

2. Mark Alpert

3. Barry Croke

Also Present:

Corey Christians

Number Required for Quorum:

3

Quorum Present:

Yes

1st Motion

Tree Warden will work closely with CL&P to monitor line clearance trimming.

Vote Passed

Minutes for meeting of October 13, 2014

1. Communications

A. Asplundh's Dave Sullivan and I met and looked at proposed line-clearance work throughout the town.

B. Linda Case of Park Ave expressed her concern for preserving mature street trees.

C. Contacted Chris Donnelly (State Urban Forester) to receive educational Emerald Ash Borer to distribute to the public.

D. The question of how to fill Shade Tree Commission seats were asked: An individual can be nominated to by any/all commission board members. The nomination must be submitted to the Town Manager's office.

E. The question of how much funding to available to plant new trees was asked: The Tree Department budget allocates \$3,000 for new tree planting for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

F. Ash treatment costs: Contacted Greg Corso of Bartlett Tree Experts.

G. Spoke with Rob Garrey from the Village Improvement Association about replanting at/around 335 Main Street to replace the large dead elm.

-The V.I.A. funded the 4 new trees that will be planted (addresses below).

2. New Business

A. Discuss CL&P's proposal to perform line clearance trimming.

-Refusals on 3 maples at 400 Hartford Ave.

B. Air Spade Treatments – taking pro-health measures for tree quality and longevity.

- Left side of Solomon Welles House
- 2 Maples
- 3 Oaks

- Mikey's Place
- 100 Marsh Street
Kousa

The air spade tool has been received. A prioritized list of trees that will receive treatment is being developed. First areas of interest include Broad Street Green, commemorative trees, and trees at the police department.

C. Ash Management Plan – proactive approach to an impending problem

- Tree lives 2-3 years once infested with E.A.B.
- E.A.B is nearby and population is sharply increasing.
- Scheduling ash removals and replace with alternate species.
- providing systematic insecticide treatment responsibly to select feature ash trees.
- It takes approx. 8yrs for all untreated ash trees in a town to become infested after the E.A.B. is introduced.

- Review and finalize ash management information letter

3. Public Comment

4. Adjournment

- The Tree Warden asked the commission to decide if they like the spruce at the front of the Town Hall, they will respond via email.

-New plantings at:

330 Main Street

335 Main Street

342 Main Street

Main Street & River Road Green

- The V.I.A will also fund 1 tree to be planted in front of Trinity Church on Main Street.
- The commission agreed to depend on the Tree Warden to work closely with CL&P to monitor line clearance trimming.
- All attendees agreed that care must be taken to preserve tree health and aesthetics.